## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## DISTRIBUTED PROTECTION SWITCHING

A system for responding to failures of connections in a network. A system for responding to destination failures involving SPVx connections. A system for responding to source failures involving SPVx connections A system for responding to failures involving SPVx connections. A method for responding to failures involving SPVx connections. A method for responding to destination failures involving SPVx connections. A method for responding to source failures involving SPVx connections. A method for responding to failures of connections in a network.